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**PATENT APPLICATION**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Shunichi SEKI et al.

Group Art Unit: 1751

Application No.: 10/613,081

Examiner: M. KOPEC

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For: COMPOSITION, ORGANIC CONDUCTIVE LAYER INCLUDING COMPOSITION, METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING ORGANIC CONDUCTIVE LAYERS, ORGANIC EL ELEMENT INCLUDING ORGANIC CONDUCTIVE LAYER, METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING ORGANIC EL ELEMENTS, SEMICONDUCTOR ELEMENT INCLUDING ORGANIC CONDUCTIVE LAYER, METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING SEMICONDUCTOR ELEMENTS, ELECTRONIC DEVICE, AND ELECTRONIC APPARATUS

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT  
AND RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT**

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Sir:

**I. Response to Restriction Requirement**

In reply to the September 26, 2005 Restriction Requirement, Applicants provisionally elect Group I (claims 1-16) with traverse.

It is also respectfully submitted that the subject matter of all claims is sufficiently related that a thorough search for the subject matter of any one Group of claims would encompass a search for the subject matter of the remaining claims. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the search and examination of the entire application could be made without serious burden. See MPEP §803 in which it is stated that "if the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the

merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions" (emphasis added). It is respectfully submitted that this policy should apply in the present application in order to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to Applicants and duplicative examination by the Patent Office.

**II. Response to Election of Species Requirement**

In reply to the September 26, 2005 Election of Species Requirement, Applicants provisionally elect Species I (polythiophene organic conductive material) with traverse. At least claims 1-7 and 10-29 read on the elected species. At least claims 1-6 and 10-29 are generic to all species.

It is also respectfully submitted that the subject matter of all species is sufficiently related that a thorough search for the subject matter of any one species would encompass a search for the subject matter of the remaining species. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the search and examination of the entire application could be made without serious burden. See MPEP §803 in which it is stated that "if the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions" (emphasis added). It is respectfully submitted that this policy should apply in the present application in order to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to Applicants and duplicative examination by the Patent Office.

**III. Conclusion**

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the Restriction Requirement and the Election of Species Requirement are improper and should be withdrawn, and that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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